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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PARM, TECH, XA, XM, SF, CE, BM  
SUBJ: NPT ADHERENCE

REF: (A) STATE 294526, (B) STATE 012716

1. DCM HAS DISCUSSED NPT ADHERENCE WITH UNDER SECRETARY  
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ISAAC MANDA WHO GAVE NO INDICATION THAT  
GRZ IS READY AT THIS TIME TO ADHERE TO THE NPT.

2. MANDA LISTENED CAREFULLY TO PRESENTATION BASED ON REFTELS.  
HE THEN NOTED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN APPROACHED MANY TIMES  
BY WESTERN AND SOVIET DIPLOMATS ABOUT ZAMBIA'S NON-ADHERENCE.  
GRZ RESPONSE IN EACH INSTANCE HAS BEEN THE SAME.-- ZAMBIA SEES  
NO ADVANTAGE TO ADHERING TO A TREATY WHICH DOES LITTLE OR  
NOTHING TO PROTECT A SMALL COUNTRY LIKE ZAMBIA FROM NUCLEAR  
THREATS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. HE SAID THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAS  
THE POTENTIAL TO PRODUCE THE BOMB AND HALF HUMOROUSLY ADDED HE  
AND HIS COLLEAGUES HAD OFTEN DISCUSSED HOW DESIRABLE IT WOULD  
BE FOR ZAMBIA TO ACQUIRE A MINIATURE ATOMIC BOMB.

3. DCM RE-EMPHASIZED THAT THE NPT DID PROVIDE SOME PROTECTION  
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FOR A NATION LIKE ZAMBIA SINCE ITS PURPOSE WAS TO CONTROL THE  
SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. ALL NATIONS WOULD BE PLACED IN  
GREATER JEOPARDY IF NUCLEAR WEAPONRY BECAME MORE WIDESPREAD.  
DCM ALSO POINTED OUT THAT ZAMBIA, WITH ITS URANIUM RESOURCES,  
MIGHT WISH ASSISTANCE IN THE ATOMIC ENERGY FIELD SOMETIME IN  
THE FUTURE. NON-ADHERENCE WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR NATIONS  
LIKE THE US TO

OVIDE SUCH ASSISTANCE. THIS LAST ARGUMENT  
APPEARED TO MAKE SOME IMPACT, AND MANDA SAID GRZ WOULD HAVE TO  
TAKE A NEW LOOK AT NON-ADHERENCE WHEN IN THE FUTURE GRZ WAS  
READY TO MOVE INTO THE ATOMIC ENERGY ARENA.

4. AS A CLOSING REMARK MANDA SAID THAT IT WAS PROBABLY TIME FOR  
ZAMBIA TO REVIEW ITS NPT POLICY.

COMMENT: WE DOUBT THAT THERE WILL BE ANY FOLLOW THROUGH  
ON MANDA'S SUGGESTION THAT THE GRZ MIGHT REVIEW ITS NPT POLICY.  
AS FAR FETCHED AS IT MAY SEEM, MANDA CAME CLOSE TO SAYING THAT  
ZAMBIA WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THE DOOR OPEN TO THE POSSIBILITY OF  
ACQUIRING NUCLEAR WEAPONS OF ITS OWN TO COUNTER A NUCLEAR  
THREAT FROM SOUTH AFRICA. LOW

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